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Reach Out to Lt. Governor Northam and Your Senators about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline



1. Urge candidate for governor in Virginia, Ralph Northam, to oppose the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley pipelines. Call him at (804) 786-2078 and/or tweet at @RalphNortham.
2. For Virginians out there, pledge to not vote for Ralph Northam if he does not come out to publicly oppose all proposed pipeline projects for VA. Click [here](#) to do so.
3. Call and tweet your senators often, demanding that they vote NO on Trump's nominations to FERC.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline Questionnaire



The RCC staff has been working to compile information on fracking and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline to warn citizens of the dangers this project threatens. We would love to get a sense of your thoughts. Fill out [this survey](#) to ask us any

Michael Martz - Richmond Times-Dispatch questions you have on the ACP, and any comments/suggestions you have for the report.

Meet the RCC Interns

This summer, RCC Interns have been interviewing natural gas experts, researching policies, maintaining the RCC social media sites, and helping to grow the campus network. From June 27-July 2, they walked along the proposed ACP route in protest with a coalition of Virginia organizations. [Meet the interns](#) and [view NBC29 coverage here!](#)



CAMPUS NEWS UPDATES

Stand up for the UNC Center for Civil Rights

Since 2001, the UNC Center for Civil Rights (CCR) has been committed to the advancement of civil rights and social justice in the American South



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through its work in the areas of education, fair housing, environmental justice, and community inclusion. The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Governors should vote against the proposal, or any new version of it, that would stop the CCR's ability to conduct litigation and legal advocacy, which will result in negative effects for the most marginalized North Carolinians.

1. **Attend a UNC Board of Governors meeting at UNC-Asheville. The meeting will occur midday on Thursday, July 13, 2017. Please check back or contact RCC for the exact time and location.**
2. **Email the UNC Board of Governors, public@boq.northcarolina.edu, and the UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor, chancellor@unc.edu, in support of the Center.**
3. **Nominate the UNC Center for Civil Rights for the ACLU of North Carolina's 2017 Liberty Awards. All nominations are due by Friday, July 7, 2017.**

<http://rachelcarsoncouncil.org/take-action/>

CURRENT EVENTS

African Americans Have Lost Untold Acres of Land Over the Last Century



great-grandfather, who purchased the land on Hilton Head. The son of slaves, Dennis Allen bought his first parcel of nearly 20 acres in 1897, at a time when African Americans were purchasing land across the country.

Today, the Allen family owns the largest undeveloped lot on Hilton Head.

But as the land enters its 120th year in the family, the Allens are struggling to hold on to it. Because of ambiguities surrounding the land's title, there is no primary owner of the property; all of the heirs of the original owners—and there are more than 100 known heirs—are legally co-owners. As such, the land is classified as "heirs' property," a designation that makes it vulnerable to being sold without the family's full consent. As the Allens attempt to overcome a stacked legal system—exacerbated by corrupt lawyers and predatory developers—they are at the center of a decades-long fight to retain black-owned land across the South.

[Read more at The Nation](#)

California to list herbicide as cancer-causing; Monsanto vows fight

active ingredient in Monsanto Co's popular Roundup weed killer, will be added to California's list of chemicals known to cause cancer effective July 7, the state's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) said on Monday.



Monsanto vowed to continue its legal fight against the designation, required under a state law known as Proposition 65, and called the decision "unwarranted on the basis of science and the law."

The listing is the latest legal setback for the seeds and chemicals company, which has faced increasing litigation over glyphosate since the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer said that it is "probably carcinogenic" in a controversial ruling in 2015.

[Read more at Reuters](#)

Prayer and Resistance Camp Launches in Louisiana to Challenge Pipeline Connected to DAPL



Est La Vie (Water Is Life), opened over the weekend, on June 24. Based in southern Louisiana, the camp is against the 163-mile long Bayou Bridge Pipeline.

The camp, according to a press

release emailed to Colorlines, is made up of indigenous and environmental justice communities. Described as a “floating camp,” it sits among Louisiana’s wetlands and contains numerous indigenous art structures that are on rafts. The camp’s name, L’eau Est La Vie, is in the indigenous-colonial Houma French language. The United Houma Nation is one of the tribes whose members are challenging the pipeline.

For these first two weeks, the camp will be full of prayerful ceremony, says Cherri Foytlin, state director of Bold Louisiana and an indigenous woman. “Someone is praying at all times at the camp for the next two weeks,” she said in a phone interview with Colorlines about the space which she considers a prayer and resistance camp.

[Read more at Colorlines](#)

**The Battle for Transparency on
North Carolina Factory Farms**

relied on undercover investigations to expose abuse on factory farms and provide the public with a glimpse inside the private facilities that produce the majority of the meat Americans put on their tables.



Over the years, the investigations have turned up evidence of animal mistreatment as well as crowded, dirty facilities. Video footage and other documentation has led to animal cruelty charges, slaughterhouse shut-downs, lawsuits, meat recalls, and animal rescues. They have also driven some eaters to turn away from factory-farmed meat in favor of more humane and environmentally friendly options.

Rather than working to encourage reform on farms, however, several states have instead enacted laws that forbid the efforts to document the problem. Known by many opponents as “ag-gag,” “anti-sunshine,” or “whistleblower suppression” laws—and by many supporters as “farm protection” laws—these laws prohibit farm or slaughterhouse employees from filming or taking photographs at their workplaces without their employer’s consent.

[Read more at Civil Eats](#)

**This quiet agricultural ‘moonshot’
could change the future of food**



The global population is skyrocketing, the climate is changing, and diets are shifting. So how do you tackle the problem of feeding 9 billion people by 2050? Assemble an elite team of scientists for a year-long brainstorming

session.

The first meeting of "Science Breakthroughs 2030" just convened to discuss the key advances essential for revolutionizing food and agriculture in the next decade. The resounding theme: What's needed is akin to a moonshot. Or as committee co-chair John D. Floros put it, a "green revolution 2.0."

[Read more at The Washington Post](#)

Al Gore: The Green Revolution is 'Unstoppable'

With his 2006 documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, former U.S. vice president Al Gore drew public attention to the threat of climate change. This July, *An Inconvenient Sequel* opens in theaters. Gore, 69, says the stakes are higher now but the solutions are clearer.



[Read more at National Geographic](#)

Heatwaves to soar above the hot air of climate politics



Scott Pruitt achieved something of a political first last week. The controversial head of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was grilled by the officials who control his budget and told that he had asked for too little cash. In fact,

the officials insisted, they were determined to give his agency more than he had requested.

"I can assure you, you're going to be the first EPA administrator that's come before this committee in eight years that actually gets more money than they asked for," said Oklahoma congressman Tom Cole, a member of the US House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations who, as a Republican, is nominally on the same side as Pruitt. In a gruelling session, Pruitt was left in no doubt of what the committee members thought of proposals from Donald Trump's administration to slash both the spending and the remit of the EPA.

[Read more at Nature](#)

The Rachel Carson Council, founded in 1965, is the national environmental organization envisioned by Rachel Carson to carry on her work after her death. We promote Carson's ecological ethic that combines scientific concern for the environment and human health with a sense of wonder and reverence for all forms of life in order to build a sustainable, just, and peaceful future.

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